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BISMARCK, ND – Colonel Michael T. Gerhart, Superintendent of the ND Highway Patrol, has shared his thoughts on North Dakota's new NDResponse.gov website and how law enforcement has handled the criminal activity by protestors over the past six months.

Col. Michael T. Gerhart Regarding The New NDResponse.gov Website

"Misinformation regarding DAPL protests has had a significant impact on our agency, and law enforcement as a whole. Having a single point of information that we can encourage citizens to refer to will have a tremendous positive impact to law enforcement."

Col. Michael T. Gerhart Regarding The New NDResponse.gov Website

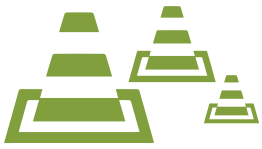
"Often times, citizens turn to social media to obtain their news. Misinformation can spread like wildfire and can have damaging impacts to our agency and all of law enforcement. Being able to quickly address these concerns by pointing citizens to this new webpage will have a positive impact on our agency."

Col. Michael T. Gerhart Talks About Conflicts On The Backwater Bridge

"The Backwater Bridge remains a source of contention for the remaining protesters. A large portion of these protesters continually break the law and trespass on the bridge. This is done with the intent of provoking law enforcement and trying to create a confrontation. Law enforcement has shown a great deal of restraint while facing the dangers these situations pose."

Col. Michael T. Gerhart Talks About The Mission Of Law Enforcement

"We continue to focus on public safety and upholding the rule of law. Our mission has never strayed throughout this entire incident dating back to August 10th. We remain focused on public safety and will continue to perform the duties the citizens of North Dakota demand of us."



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